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	Examiner Junpeng Chen	Art Unit 2618	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 15-18 and 25-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 15-18 and 25-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's amendment/arguments filed on 02/16/2007. Claims 13-14 and 19-24 are cancelled by Applicant. Claim 31 is added. Currently, claims 1-12, 15-18 and 25-31 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, filed on 02/16/2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of independent claim(s) 1, 9 and 25 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Therefore, Prior Art rejection regarding claims 1, 9 and 25 in Office Action dated 10/30/2006 has been withdrawal.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-12, 15-18 and 25-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the reference frequency" in line 13. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Consider **claim 1**, it recites a limitation "the first reference frequency of the main loop is c) removed by a whole integer multiple of the transmit or receive frequency spacing the reference frequency from the cut-off frequency of the main loop". However,

according to paragraph [0059] of the specification of present application, "it (the first reference frequency) is removed by a whole multiple of the transmit or receive frequency, by at least the cut-off frequency of the main loop". Thus, it is unclear how the first reference frequency is being removed. Furthermore, it is unclear how the first reference frequency is "removed by a whole multiple of the 'transmit or receive frequency'".

Therefore, **claims 1-8** have not been examined in the merits. Applicants are required to either amend or cancel present claims 1-8 or are required to provide detailed clarification to above confusions.

Claim 9 recites the limitation "the local oscillator signal" in lines 7-8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Consider **Claim 9**, it recites the limitation "if a frequency of the local oscillator signal were reduced to a frequency of the second reference signal". However, according to paragraph [0062] of the specification of present application, it is "the reference frequency of the auxiliary loop is equal to the frequency spacing of the channels, reduced to the reference frequency of the main loop". Thus, it is unclear what is reduced to a frequency of the second reference signal (reference frequency of the main loop).

Therefore, **claims 9-12, 15-18 and 31** have not been examined in the merits. Applicants are required to either amend or cancel present claims 9-12, 15-18 and 31 or are required to provide detailed clarification to above confusion.

Claim 25 recites the limitation "the reference frequency" in line 17. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Consider **claim 25**, it recites a limitation "the first reference frequency is removed by a whole integer multiple of the frequency for radio frequency signal spacing the reference frequency from the cut-off frequency of the main loop". However, according to paragraph [0059] of the specification of present application, "it (the first reference frequency) is removed by a whole multiple of the transmit or receive frequency, by at least the cut-off frequency of the main loop". Thus, it is unclear how the first reference frequency is being removed. Furthermore, it is unclear how the first reference frequency is "removed by a whole multiple of the 'transmit or receive frequency'".

Therefore, **claims 25-30** have not been examined in the merits. Applicants are required to either amend or cancel present claims 1-8 or are required to provide detailed clarification to above confusions.

Conclusion

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Junpeng Chen whose telephone number is (571) 270-1112. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edan Orgad can be reached on 571-272-7884. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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